

Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A method for building a horseshoe of an intended shape in situ, including cleaning the surface of the shoe area of a horse hoof of debris, shaping a temporarily generally malleable mass paste-like resin, which is free of voids, in situ on the cleaned hoof surface into generally a solid horseshoe-shape limited to the bottom of the hoof, and locally modifying exposed surfaces of said horseshoe shape on said shoe area surface after general malleability in the resin is lost.

Claim 2 (Currently amended): A method for building a horseshoe of an intended shape in situ, including cleaning the surface of the shoe area of a horse hoof of debris, collecting an unconfined malleable paste-like resin mass, which is free of voids, ~~beyond said shoe area surface~~, applying said mass onto the cleaned hoof surface and forming said mass into a generally solid horseshoe-shaped form in situ limited to the bottom of the hoof with a tool having exposed surfaces, and then locally modifying the exposed surfaces of said mass to conform said exposed surfaces to said intended shape on said shoe area surface.

Claim 3 (Currently amended): A method for building an animal shoe of an intended shape in situ, including cleaning

the surface of the shoe area of debris, depositing onto the cleaned hoof surface a flowable shoe preform comprising a malleable paste-like resin mass free of voids and having a depth and a width of profile generally conforming to said intended shape in said shoe area, reducing said mass in situ to a solid, non-flowable state to retain ~~substantially~~ all of said mass on said bottom surface of the shoe area ~~surface~~, and then locally mechanically modifying said mass to modify with a tool its profile to conform to said intended shape on said shoe area surface.

Claims 4-13 (Cancelled)

Claim 14 (Currently amended): A method of protecting a horse hoof from an uneven pressure on the hoof from a horseshoe, including clearing from the bottom of the hoof all nails and previous shoe, and forming in situ on the cleaned hoof an adherent, solid resin mass, which is free of voids, that adheres only to the bottom hoof surface in shoe-forming relation.

Claims 15-16 (Cancelled)